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Dear Mr. Stokes;

I would like to see non-animal testing methods such as (EPISKIN(tm), EpiDerm(tm) and Rat Skin transcutaneous electrical resistance assay totally replace animal tests in skin corrosion studies. Animals suffer greatly when chemicals eat through their skin. Animal tests should not be used to confirm non-animal test results. Animal test results are highly variable and the scientific basis of animal tests is weak. The above mentioned non-animal tests should be approved for use in the United States. It is the humane and scientific thing to do.

Sincerely,

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